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(7) whether, upon such transfer, he took long leave and extended such leave three or four times to avoid transfers elsewhere and eventually succeeded to get back to the same old Ganjām circle where he is now working;

(8) what special circumstances induced the Government to post him to a circle where he had already served sufficiently long; and

(9) whether his transfer from that circle is contemplated ?

A.—(1) The officer in question was in charge of the circle for the seasons of 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919.

(2) (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The work was part of a general effort to increase the output of salt.

(3) Yes, in the majority of cases.

(4) The answer is in the negative.

(5) The Government have no information.

(6) The answer is in the negative; the officer was transferred in the year 1919.

(7) The Member is misinformed; the officer in question was for a year at Calingapatam when he took leave, and was compelled to extend it on the ground of ill-health.

(8) The officer was posted to a circle with which he was acquainted and in which there was a vacancy.

(9) The posting of inspectors is in the hands of the Board of Revenue.

Delay in the delivery of telegrams in Cuddalore New Town.

475 *Q.*—Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government are aware that telegrams despatched to Cuddalore New Town are received in the New Town railway station and sent to the addressees by post instead of by messengers, so that they reach the addressees only a day after that of receipt in the said telegraph office, thus defeating the object of sending messages?

A.—Orders have been issued to treat all messages addressed to Cuddalore New Town as if addressed to Cuddalore.

Newspapers in the Presidency.

476 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state the number of copies of each daily newspaper in the Presidency which is subscribed for by Government for the use of the Secretariat?

A.—The numbers are as follows:—

"Daily Express"	1
"Hindu"	5
"Justice"	4
"Madras Mail"	7
"New India"	2
"Swarajya"	1